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Representative Council Minutes

September 21, 2006

I. Call to Order at 1:45 PM: The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,10, McM, Soehl, LHS,Special Subjects, Maint. and PPS. Absent from meeting: LAST, Adm., Field House and Media/IT.

A. Introduction of Buddies: Buddy(Germaine Porter) (Soehl) and Rep (Mike Manning). Both received gift certificates to Barnes and Noble.

B. Announcements: The following items were presented to council:

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 9/21/06
2. LEA Minutes of June 15,2006 meeting
3. NJEA’s Fall Focus for Leadership flyer
4. Fact sheet “How to Resolve Insurance Problems”

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO IS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of June 15, 2006 with a second by Morris Leone. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) bettyo47@yahoo.com

The following correspondence was received:Thank you cards from the following retirees; Rhoda Byne, Dolores Menzaco, Diane Serson, Dale Kriskowski, Joan Lyons, Janet Drozdowski and Joan Fritz. A letter of thanks was received from LINC'S in regards to our support for the annual Walk-A-Thon. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Paternostro,Supv.World Lang.,Bilingual/ESL for our support with the Italian American Partnership Program. A letter of thanks from the George Dooley Memorial Foundation for our contribution. A thank you from Joseph E. Martino and family for our donation to the American Diabetes Assoc. A thank you from Rose Goldstein honoring her for her help with the Para Staff. A letter of thanks to all members of the LEA from Jules Pandolfi and family for our generosity, care and concern.

The following cards have been sent: Charles Anguello,(McM),death of aunt; Judith Nigro,(McM),birth of grandson; Gwen Long,(McM),death of mother; Dawn Ortiz,(#2),death of mother; Craig Taylor,(LHS),death in family; Patricia Gergely,(LHS),death of mother-in-law; Phyllis Mack,(LHS),death of uncle; Nicole Szczesny,(McM),marriage; Patricia Zenchak,(LHS),death of uncle;Armando Canda,(LHS),illness; Debbie Conti,(#1),death of grandmother; Keri Flanagan,(#1), death of aunt; Tami Peters,(#2),death of uncle; Jessica Marciniak,(#4),death of grandmother; Lindsey Lelko,(#4),engagement; Melissa Majewski,(#6),marriage; Margaret Parnes,(#6), death of brother; Beverly Luttgens,(#6),surgery; Ginny Sleiger,(#6),surgery; Shirley Thomas,(Soehl), injury-extended illness; Joe Marretta,(Soehl),injury; Jennifer Temple,(#5),death of grandmother;Michael Sellari,(LHS),death of father-in-law; Fran Berlinski,(LHS),death of sister-in-law; Tina Berlinski,(LHS),death of aunt; Mary Taranto,(#9),illness; Kathy Williams,(#9),surgery; Joe Scaldino,(#9),engagement; Fran Mannuzza,(#9),engagement; Meredith Morrocco,(#9), engagement; Vasiliki Inguaggiato,(VisualPerf.Arts), birth of son; Kristen Fuller,(LHS),engagement; Matthew Lorenzetti,(LHS),engagement; Yelena Horre,(#6),illness; Emily Robbins,(LHS),engagement; Lisa Vanderwal,(LHS),marriage;and Karen Toy,(LHS),marriage.

Correspondence via US MAIL is to be sent to the LEA at P.O.Box 3085,

NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 67,259.65	Luncheon:	\$ 511.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 8,464.15	Money Market:	\$ 17,249.29

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras:

Liz James - Crisis Intervention/District Security: Unit will be included in the Teacher.Sec/Para unit
Ed Mack- Custodian/Maintenance:

All committee members will be announced at the October Rep Council Meeting. Members of the committee will visit each building for a member survey in regards to the contract. This info will then go to NJEA.

- B. Membership:** *Betty Ogureck* – All Reps were asked to correct their Building Lists and to continue accepting membership forms from new and returning employees. Employees not joining the membership will become Rep Fee members (up to 85% of their entire membership fee is deducted). NJEA 2006-07 desk calendars will arrive at the end of Sept.
- C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel*- A copy of Len's report will be given to each Rep.
- D. Newsletter:** *Joanne Ferrara*– Items that are NEA, NJEA, LEA or UCEA related are encouraged to be added to the Newsletter. If any member wishes to submit an advertisement, please do so through the LEA email ONLY, not through the Linden system and not through interoffice. Members that have been successful with advertising are to contact Cindy to either have ad remain or deleted from Newsletter. Joanne is looking for help with the Newsletter. Contact her at McManus.
- E. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* - #1 (05-06) arbitration date has been cancelled by the LEA member involved, rescheduled for 9/28/06. There are 2 situations being investigated as possible grievances.
Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* –Raffles will be held for Halloween, Christmas and the Spring. A benefit will be held so that the family of Mr. Pandolfi can recoup some of their legal fees. Vera Kresge (#4) is planning the event.
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *Maria Pizzelli*–Please send all concerns to Maria (#2). The member's name is to be on the concern, held in confidence. A member is needed from the High School.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School One.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Scholarship recipients will be published in the Newsletter.
- J. LPDC:** *Maria Pizzelli*: Maria is the chairperson, working with the new committee of Ewa Usowicz (#8), Sharon Feinsod, (Soehl) and Mike D'Amato (Soehl). PD is to improve student learning and workshops will be focused on this agenda.
- K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens*- Members are requested to use the **LEA Website** for ALL local, county and state info. Many questions can be answered via the Website.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** LEA/LINCS Walkathon – Report given.
- B.** Summer Pay -Members **MUST** complete a form every year.
- C.** LEA Survey – Committee surveys were to be forwarded to Cindy.
- D.** Health Insurance – Dependents under 30 – More info in near future.
- E.** Benefit Cards – All members should have 3 new cards that do not have SS# on them.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Linden BOE Meeting –September 20, 2006 – Report given by Cindy.
- B.** New Member Workshop(UCEA) – 10/3/06 at the Westwood, Garwood
- C.** Building Liaison – List of committee members are to be sent to Cindy by 10/2/06. This committee is to meet once a month and a report is to be sent to Cindy.
- D.** UCEA Fall Focus – 10/17/06 at the Westwood/Garwood.
- E.** Distribution Count – An exact count is needed from each building to Cindy.
- F.** Membership List – All buildings are to send corrected lists to Betty (Soehl).
- G.** Prudential Disability Insurance – NEW employees have 120 days from the day of hiring to complete forms. Open enrollment will take place in 2 years.
- H.** Tuition Reimbursement – ONLY Official transcripts will be accepted (B or better).
- I.** Third Grade Library – This is a PREP for third grade only. If Librarian is absent , teachers are to submit a missed prep form.
- J.** Odds and Ends – 1. Bally's membership \$299/year. Contact Cindy. 2. NJEA –Help line – 1-866-AIDNJEA.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck